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SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE APPROVES SUBCOMMITTEE ALLOCATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

Washington, DC – The Senate Appropriations Committee today approved by voice vote its subcommittee allocations – known as 302(b) allocations – for their fiscal year 2009 appropriation bills. The 302(b) allocations serve as overall spending guidelines for the 12 subcommittees.

Overall, the Senate Appropriations Committee recommended a total of \$21.066 billion more than President Bush's fiscal 2009 budget request. This includes a \$20.557 billion increase in domestic programs, as well as an increase of \$.509 billion for defense, veterans, foreign operations, and security related matters.

"The President's budget request has once again failed to invest in the priorities of the American people," said Senator Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. "There are consequences for failing to invest in America. "Our actions today will fund critically needed domestic priorities, and seek to reverse the Administration's stubborn 'rob Peter to pay Paul' mentality that has permeated its fiscal thinking over the years."

The subcommittee allocations for fiscal year 2009 as approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee are attached:

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